

Amendments In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, 37 and 39, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
obtaining a request to provide a requested service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices are each is configured to provide a
corresponding the service;
selecting identifying a first one device of the plurality of devices ~~at least one device~~ to
provide the requested service; and
converting the request to a second request, wherein
the second request conforms to a second language, and
the first one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
directing the second request to the first one device.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein
the first language is a markup language;
the second language is a device-specific language of a plurality of device-specific
languages, wherein
each of the plurality of devices communicates using one of the plurality of device-
specific languages.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein
the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the request specifies use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of devices by specifying an optional variable , and providing a value for the optional variable; and the converting the request to the second request comprises including the optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request, and including the value for the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein the optional variable and the value specify use of the specific feature.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising: sending a response to the request.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein the response format comprises at least one instruction; and data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising: obtaining means for obtaining a request to provide a **requested** service, wherein the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and ~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices **are each** ~~[[is]]~~ configured to provide **a corresponding** ~~the~~ service; ~~selecting identifying~~ means for ~~selecting a first identifying one~~ device of the **plurality of devices** ~~at least one device~~ to provide the **requested** service; and converting means for converting the request to a second request, wherein the second request conforms to a second language, and

the first one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to receiving the second request.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9 further comprising:
directing means for directing the second request to the first one device.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 10 wherein
the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

12. **(Original)** The system of claim 11 further comprising:
first including means for including an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request, and
second including means for including a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific
device of the plurality of devices.

13. **(Original)** The system of claim 10 further comprising:
sending means for sending a response to the request.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 13 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

15. **(Original)** The system of claim 14 wherein
the response format comprises
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising:
obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a requested service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices are each ~~[[is]]~~ configured to provide
the requested service;

~~selecting identifying~~ instructions to select a first ~~identify one~~ device of the plurality of devices ~~at least one device~~ to provide the requested service; and
converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a second language,
wherein
the second request conforms to a second language, and
the first one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 16
further comprising:
directing instructions to direct the second request to the first one device.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17,
wherein
the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 further
comprising:
first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request, and
second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific
device of the plurality of devices.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further
comprising:
sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

22. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 21 wherein the response format comprises

- at least one instruction; and
- data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

- a processor for executing instructions; ~~and~~
- a plurality of devices directly coupled to the computer system, wherein each device is configured to perform a corresponding service; and**
- a memory for storing the instructions, wherein
- the memory is coupled to the processor, and
- the instructions comprise:
 - obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
 - at least one device of ~~the~~ **the** ~~[[a]]~~ plurality of devices provides the service;
 - identifying instructions to identify ~~a first one~~ **first one** device of the at least one device to provide the service; and
 - converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein
 - the second request conforms to a second language, and
 - the ~~first one~~ **first one** device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the second request.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 23 wherein the instructions further comprise:

- directing instructions to direct the second request to the ~~first one~~ **first one** device.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the request format comprises

- at least one instruction, and
- data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

26. (Original) The computer system of claim 25 wherein the instructions further comprise:
 first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request, and
 second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein
 the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of devices.

27. (Original) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the instructions further comprise:
 sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

28. (Original) The computer system of claim 27 wherein
 the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

29. (Original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein
 the response format comprises
 at least one instruction; and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 an obtaining module to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, **and**
 at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the service,
and
the plurality of devices is directly coupled to the system;
 an identifying module to identify **a first one** device of the at least one device to provide the service; and
 a converting module to convert the request to a second request in a second language,
 wherein
 the second request conforms to a second language, and
 the **first one** device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the second request.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 30 further comprising:
a directing module to direct the second request to the **first one** device.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31 wherein
the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

33. (Original) The system of claim 32 further comprising:
a first including module to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request, and
a second including module to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific
device of the plurality of devices.

34. (Original) The system of claim 31 further comprising:
a sending module for sending a response to the request.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35 wherein
the response format comprises
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

37. **(Currently Amended)** An application programming interface
comprising:
a request definition for a first command to provide a request for a **requested** service,
wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language,
the request format is specified in the request definition,
at least one device of a plurality of devices **are each** is configured to provide **a**
corresponding the service,

one device of the plurality of devices ~~at least one device~~ is selected identified to provide the requested service in response to the first command, the request is converted to a second request, the second request conforms to a second language, and the one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to receiving the second request.

38. (Original) The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
a response definition for a response format in which a response to the request is provided.

39. (Currently Amended) The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
an initialization definition for a second command to initialize prior to providing the request for the requested service.